Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

Papers re. Contract for Supply and Sale of Liquor to Mr. Balagurusvami Nadar.

66. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the present Excise Commissioner recommended to the Government that the farming system in regard to abkari should be stopped and that the contract relating thereto should be sold in auction?

(*b*) Is it a fact that some days afterwards the same Excise Commissioner wrote to the Government withdrawing his recommendations and recommending that the whole contract should be given to Mr. Balagurusvami Nadar? If so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table both these letters?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Excise Commissioner recommended that the farming system in regard to toddy in the taluks of Shertallai, Parur, Vaikam and Kunnatnad should be done away with and the shops sold by public auction. This was sanctioned.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative. The letter relating to part (*a*) cannot be placed on the table.

Work of the Forest Utilisation Officer.

67. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) When was Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar appointed as Forest Utilisation Officer?

(*b*) What is the nature of the work turned out by him so far and how long do the Government intend keeping him on that special duty?

(*c*) What is the cost incurred hitherto on account of the special establishment for forest utilisation?

(*d*) Has he submitted a report?

(*e*) If not, when do the Government expect to get a report from him?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. Narayana Aiyangar was appointed Forest Utilisation Officer from the 19th Chingam, 1099.

(*b*) A statement * showing the nature of the work done by him so far is laid on the table. Government do not propose to continue the appointment beyond one year for the present.

(*c*) Rs. 1,636- 12 ch-1 cash.

(*d*) and (*e*) Monthly progress reports of the work done by him are being submitted to the Government.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Not in that sense, but in the sense that the supply made in the various stations is actually there.

PRESIDENT : That is auditing.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Auditing and inspecting.

PRESIDENT : That is a matter which will have to be examined with reference to the terms of the agreement.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the agreement with the Railway Company permit the interference on the part of the Government at least to check the furniture supply in the various stations ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that unless I minutely examine the agreement.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be so good as to go into the agreement to see whether they have the power to do that ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 67.

Statement of work done by the Forest Utilisation Officer.

(1) He has corresponded with several timber trading firms in Calcutta, Bombay and other places with a view to find out the demand and the market rates of our timber.

(2) He has visited the timber yards in Madura, Tinnevelly and other places to find out whether better prices could be obtained for our *kongu* materials and other species available in our depôts.

(3) He has conducted a valuation of the bamboo and reed forests round about Punalur with a view to supplying materials for paper pulp manufacture.

(4) He has examined the forests and hills of the Vandanmet and Puppara Ranges with a view to see whether the installation of a wire shoot at Ramakkal Mettu is a profitable proposition.

(5) He has collected statistics *re.* export of minor forest produce from Travancore.

(6) He has experimented on leaves of *Bauhinia Malabarica* to see if they could be used for making *beedis*, etc.

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